

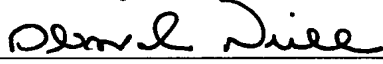


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masao Fukuda, et al.
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For: PACKAGING MACHINE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "G"

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 22, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated March 21, 2007 in the above-referenced application, regarding which a Notice of Appeal has been filed together with the payment of a fee, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the "submission" related to said RCE in which the application is amended as follows: